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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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For: ISOLATED MAMMALIAN MEMBRANE PROTEIN GENES;  
RELATED REAGENTS

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination on the merits, please amend the  
subject application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, delete the first paragraph and insert:

-- This application is a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §  
1.53(b) of United States Application Serial No. 08/978,289, filed  
November 25, 1997, which claims priority from Provisional U.S.  
Patent Application Numbers 60/031,806, filed November 27, 1996,  
and 60/032,767, filed December 11, 1996. --

**Remarks**

The specification has been amended to include priority  
information. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable examination is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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